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FGM gym honours former MLA

VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

F. G. Miller High School's show-piece gymnasium was dedicated to former MLA Ray Danyluk on Thursday, a designation principal Colin Bjorkman called "A fitting way to recognize the efforts of one man who made this gym a reality."

Also fitting to the occasion was a brief basketball game between the Elk Point Pacers, a team that Danyluk was part of in its beginning and many years that followed, against a combined team of senior girls' and boys' Crusaders, with Danyluk coaching the Pacers squad who were beefed up with the addition FGM's athletic director Jonathan Randall and teacher Kevin Casper. Refereeing the game was another original Pacer, industrial arts teacher Dave Shankowski.

The Pacers proved to be "not bad for a bunch of old guys," quipped Bjorkman when the score sat at 30-7 in their favour at the half-time break. With Casper and Randall pulled from the team for the second half, the principal pulled rank and benched another Pacer and gave the Crusaders a free shot "for the coach's beard violation." The game continued on that lighthearted note, with both coaches given an opportunity to make some free shots of their own, the final buzzer sounding on a 51-25 Pacers' win.

Crusaders Leanna Gibson and Dawson Delorme spoke of the effect the modernized gym has had on the student body.

"It's a second home to a lot of us," Gibson said. Lunch hours find it "full of students" from all grades, enjoying what the facility has to offer, "and we are so grateful." She said the gym has been the site of fine art shows,

concerts by young musicians and the annual craft sale, "and gave us the opportunity to host the volleyball provincials. We feel so privileged."

Delorme added his thanks and credited the new gym with inspiring the junior Crusader girls and the senior Crusader boys to bring home the St Paul Athletic Association banners, the first SPAA banners for the school since 1995. The senior Crusader girls were also strong contenders this year, bringing home the silver from SPAA competition.

"It's nice to be in one of the best gyms in the best province of Canada," former school board chair Darrell Younghans said, as he introduced Danyluk, recalling when the modernization "started as a drawing on Ray's table. Ray always believed in education, and began his political career as a school trustee. More than 15 years ago, he started advocating for this gym. Ray pushed this project forward, and it's fitting to have it named for him. He did start his basketball career here, and he always has his community in mind. He's still a big basketball fan."

"School gyms are built once in 70 years," Danyluk said, "and are renovated every 50 years. This one started in 1967, and was not really finished until 2014."

"Let's go back to 1967 and the planning of this gym. It was slated to have a cement floor, but two individuals, Bill Danyluk (Ray's uncle) and Albert Boratynec, who were gym teachers among other duties, went to the school board and said, 'we can't have a cement floor.' It was \$12,000 more for a suspended floor, and our school board trustee, Paul Stepa, was a great advocate for the community. He helped to make it happen."

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Vicki Brooker photo

BASKETBALL IS STILL HIS GAME - With Elk Point Pacer Ralph Johnson and Senior Crusader Jessie Frisby cheering him on, Ray Danyluk looked right at home on the court, netting a free shot in the modernized F. G. Miller High School gym that he lobbied long and hard to make a reality.

Candidates face electors at Elk Point forum

VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

Three of the four candidates contesting the Lac La Biche - St. Paul - Two Hills seat in today's provincial election faced the voters who will choose the constituency's next MLA at last Wednesday's forum in Elk Point, hosted by the Alberta Council on Aging.

Green Party candidate Brian Deheer of Lac La Biche, Progressive Conservative Darrell Younghans of Heinsburg and Wildrose contender David Hanson of St. Paul each had the opportunity to outline their platform in a 10-minute opening address before the floor was opened to questions from the moderate crowd in attendance.

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READY TO RESPOND - Elk Point All-Candidates Forum moderator Diana Anderson (right) introduced Lac La Biche - St. Paul - Two Hills candidates (left to right) Progressive Conservative Darrell Younghans, Green Party Brian Deheer and Wildrose David Hanson. NDP candidate Catherine Harder was unable to attend the event.



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Gym

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Danyluk recalled a fellow former Pacer, the late and very large "440 Gordie" Miller, so labeled for his weight, jumping on the suspended floor, while his teammates "measured to see how far the floor would flex."

That suspended floor was instrumental in the modernization, Danyluk said. "This would never have been possible if that floor couldn't have been fastened onto the new part."

Danyluk spoke of spending "six days a week here; our kids were raised here, and some of the greatest players played here - individuals that could score 50 to 70 points a game, we played against and were competitive with them. We played with the best."

For a gym of its original size, Danyluk said, "The players it produced were phenomenal. So many went on to play college and university basketball." And more players of that caliber are yet to come, he predicted, telling today's Crusaders, "Your children and your grandchildren will play here."

The renovation was "a phenomenal process. There was so much input on the music and exer-



Vicki Brooker photo

PROUD DAY FOR THE FAMILY - Ray and Lorraine Danyluk marked the special day with a family portrait with their children and grandchildren under the new sign proclaiming the 'Ray Danyluk Gymnasium.'

cise rooms. This is a gym that will be here a long time and will give generations an opportunity to play," Danyluk said. He complimented the parents present on their support of their chil-

dren's sports endeavors, noting that a number of years ago, "we invited the elementary kids over to come and learn basketball. We expected 15, and 125 showed up. Basketball was import-

ant in this community."

Danyluk also expressed thanks to his family, "basketball widow" Lorraine and their children, "even though some of them chose to play hockey

instead," and to the Pacers. "It was an honour to be part of the Pacers and of this school."

"Thank you for this gym," Jonathan Randall told Danyluk as Bjorkman presented the

honoured guest with a FGM golf shirt. "It was a footnote on a list, a dream that most didn't believe would happen. It happened because of this guy."

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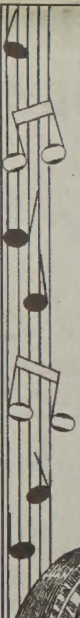
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Council studies development costs, financing options

VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

The Town of Elk Point had “a clean audit” for 2014, according to Barb McCarthy, who presented and went through the consolidated financial statement for the year with town council at last Monday’s meeting.

The town paid off long-term debt, took on short-term debt and experienced a drop in permit fees over the year, McCarthy said, which resulted in a less favourable financial position than the previous year. However, she added, with “a little bit of rearranging, everything will be rosy.”

Council approved the statement later in the meeting.

Subdivision extension

Bob Hanewich of Select Engineering came to council to discuss the upcoming extensions of the Centennial Drive subdivision and 59th Avenue, and to report on the treated water reservoir project.

On the latter, he said the mechanical contractors had moved in to connect pipe from the fill line, and reported that money will be saved by using a single control valve for both the old and new reservoirs. The concrete has been tested and meets requirements. The bid for the project is inclusive, with no room for flexibility, and at \$1.4 million, is coming in right on budget.

Hanewich and council discussed the pros and cons of doing the development projects in phases or as a single unit, with the engineer noting that underground servicing prices are lower than they have been since 2007, and road construction costs are down slightly. “It’s a substantial change.” It is also the first time he has had such a large number of contractors bid on projects, he said.

In the Centennial subdivision, Hanewich said the storm water pond could wait until the first, 14-lot stage was complete, but would have to be done before the second, 10-lot stage could be built. He did not have an estimate for the pond but said he could have one for council by the next meeting. A storm water pond to be located west of the Elk Point Baptist Church is also part of the second phase of the 59 Ave. completion, and would contain runoff coming from the north. An adjustment on that pond’s design is needed as there is a building that was constructed some years ago that overlaps the property line. The town also may need to acquire a small parcel of land from the church to accommodate the pond.

Lions Club project

Elk Point and District Lions Club has approached the town once again to ask their assistance with site preparation for a shelter to be built by the water spray park, which would serve both spray park users in the summer

and skaters on the adjacent outdoor rink in the winter. The 12-foot-by-40-foot building would have a 12-foot square area on one end that would be closed in on three sides and have a bench, while the balance would be a roofed open area. Council agreed to donate the site preparation work for the project.

EcoCentre washroom

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has submitted the bills for the Eco Centre’s outdoor-access washroom, and council agreed to pay the total of \$6,832.66, which was substantially lower than the originally budgeted amount. The washroom is now completed.

Public Works rotation

Elk Point Public Works will now have workers on call every day of the week, on a rotational basis. Council approved an agreement to be signed by all employees listing the conditions of employment. The workers are all in favour of the new rotation and it is working well.

Capital projects and finance

Town manager Myron Goyan provided council with a stack of Alberta Capital Finance rates and calculations for their information as they decide on financing for upcoming projects. He included lists of last year’s capital projects, which were all complete except for the purchase of a half ton truck that was deferred to 2015, a list of 2015 capital projects, which as well as the truck purchase includes the treated water reservoir, a 72 inch cut riding mower, the Centennial Subdivision and 59th Avenue projects and \$50,000 in road repairs, the total adding up to \$4,313,000. A five-year list shows less expenditure next year, before three years when water line replacement is a priority.

Seniors’ Week

Council was made aware that Seniors’ Week is coming up from June 1 to 7, and decided to kick off the week with their annual Seniors’ Week pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 31.

Tourist information brochure

Council reviewed the prototype of a new tourist information brochure done in house, and approved the design and information it contains.

Evergreen Waste Management

Coun. Debra McQuinn reported on the last meeting and said that the Town of St. Paul is participating in a six-month study on solid waste, with a committee being struck.

Crime reduction

Coun. Bernice Capjack attended a meeting on crime reduction that was held at the County of St. Paul office. The hiring of three police at the cost of \$155,000 each to get to three underlying causes of crime was proposed at that meeting, and it is possible that a grant may be available for that purpose, she said.

Jump Rope for Heart results

CHRISTIE ROCHE
Elk Point Elementary School

Elk Point Elementary School raised a total of \$12,678.45 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation with their annual Jump Rope for Heart event on April 23.

The Grade 4B class raised that most money, \$3,191.50, to win an extra long recess and a special sweet treat for

their class.

The top five students who raised the most money were: Landon Malachowski - \$615, Rhiannon Thomas - \$610, Nathaniel Kennedy-Cousins - \$559, Dae Smereka - \$509 and Micah Urquhart - \$506. These students won the chance to Silly String some staff members at the school’s next assembly on May 4.

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When you visit your doctor about a problem (like pain), be a good reporter. Plan how you will give your doctor information. The better reporter you are, the better the chance your doctor can help. If it is pain, use descriptive words like “stabbing”, “sharp”, “dull”, “achy”. It is sometimes helpful to write down your comments so you don’t miss anything and it saves time as well.

Pharmacists put a “shake well” label on some liquid prescriptions. It’s important to heed that label. Some liquids are suspensions and the medication may settle to the bottom of the bottle. Shaking will distribute the medication evenly and ensure you receive the right dose. Children’s liquid antibiotics are a good example.

“More is better” is something that doesn’t always apply to drugs. Drugs often reach a peak level of effectiveness at a certain dose and taking more will often not give better results. But side effects can occur at higher doses. Follow your doctor’s orders regarding how much medication to take.

Protect your teeth by keeping certain foods to a minimum. Even soft drinks and sports drinks contain acids that can corrode tooth enamel. Dried fruit can stick to teeth surfaces. Some contain extra sugar, too. Even yummy potato chips get into tooth crevices and stay. It’s hard to avoid some of these foods and drinks but brushing soon after eating them will avoid tooth decay and other problems.

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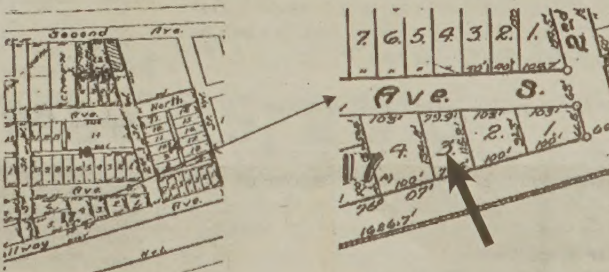
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Town of Elk Point Notice of Public Hearing

Bylaw No. 735/15

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, the Council of the Town of Elk Point proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 735/15 for the Town to enact:

- The Land Use Bylaw 717/13 for the Town of Elk Point is hereby amended by changing the designation of LOT 3, BLOCK 17, PLAN 415HW as indicated on Schedule “A” attached hereto, from (R2) Residential to Central Commercial (C1).



A copy of the proposed bylaw may be reviewed and inspected by the public at the Town of Elk Point Office during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

At 7:00 PM on May 11, 2015 the Council of the Town of Elk Point will cause a Public Hearing to be held in the Town Council Chambers at the Town Elk Point Office, at which time objections or comments regarding the proposed bylaw may be given and received.

Myron Goyan, Manager
Town of Elk Point
Box 448, Elk Point, Alberta
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Dated at Elk Point, AB this 28th day of April, 2015

EDITORIAL

A day of change

Today is a day of change, both for the province of Alberta and for our local weekly newspapers.

Today, Albertans will go to the polls, provided that they are not overcome by apathy over the short election campaign and the months of speculation that led up to it, and will make their choice of who will represent them in the legislature for the coming four years. The freedom to make that choice is one we are fortunate to have, and we would urge every resident of voting age to go and make their mark, or else, to forever hold their peace about the choices that others have made without their input.

In our local constituency, no matter in which direction the vote goes, we will have a brand new MLA to take our concerns to Edmonton, and we wish that individual a successful and productive term.

For the St. Paul Journal and the Elk Point Review, this is the first issue in the history of both these newspapers that has not been laid out in St. Paul, from the early days of the linotype and hot lead to the slow and painstaking cut-and-paste technique of the 1980s to today's increasingly quick and accurate computer layout. The only exception that any of us can recall was on one snowy Monday sometime in the 1990s when we had a major equipment breakdown and had to ask the Lac La Biche Post for the use of their layout facilities to finish getting the papers ready to go to press.

Our editorial and advertising staff is adjusting well to some recent changes in their duties, however our page layout, along with that of the other weekly papers in the Great West Newspapers family, is now being done by the skilled production staff at our head office in St. Albert. This is an enormous undertaking for them, and a big change for us as well, as we say a reluctant farewell to our longtime production team.

Time is well known for its ability to change everything, and it will be interesting to see the result of this week's changes on both the provincial government and weekly news fronts.

YOUR VIEWS

Money for seniors

To the Editor,

According to Mr. Prentice's 10-year financial plan, the seniors of Alberta have been budgeted for \$560 million to maintain and upgrade facilities, and continued assistance.

Where is the government getting some of the money?

Between 2013-14, I had a slight increase in my income through pensions/subsidy, etc. Residing in government housing, Buckingham House in Elk Point, my rent is going up \$600 per year as of June 2015. Due to my income threshold, my seniors' benefits will be cut as of July 15 by \$2,050 per year.

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Carmine Maglione
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WAY BACK WHEN...

Scarlet tunics, magnificent mommies, good-news budget

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of May 5 in...

1985

Scarlet tunics and stylish gowns were much in evidence at the Elks Hall, as the Elk Point RCMP Detachment held their second annual Regimental Ball, with St. Paul RCMP Subdivision Commanding Officer, Inspector Gil Donahue, Sgt Jim Fell and their wives leading the grand march. Chamber of commerce members gave wholehearted support and financial pledges to the RCMP's Safe Grad project, which would involve the grad classes of F. G. Miller High School, Heinsburg School and Frog Lake School.

1990

Elk Point Golf and Country Club was ready and willing to cooperate with the town to develop and operate facilities at the recreation land, newly elected Golf Club president Ed Buck told town council. Allan Frankiw of Norcen Energy Resources and Town Coun. Adele Mandryk presented prizes to Earth Day Poster Contest winners Jessie Kleeberger, Amber Kopek, Tanya Stone and Peter Kulczycki.

1995

Elk Point FCSS held a Volunteer Week luncheon for their many willing workers who assisted with everything from delivering welcome packages and

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Meals on Wheels to doing income tax and serving on the FCSS Board. MLA Paul Langevin ended moths of speculation when he crossed the floor to sit with Ralph Klein's Progressive Conservatives, a year after leaving the Liberals to sit as an independent.

2000

'Magnificent Mommies' Sharon Ballas, Cindy Casper, Wanda Cochrane, Carol Lee, Karen Meyenberg, Lee Ann Wozniak, Sonia Yarmuch and Michelle Zarowny were a big hit with their Poltava dance at the 21st annual Elk Point Ukrainian Dance spring concert. Elk Point students Amber Morris, Emily Mosley, Terri White, Courtinee Bintz, Cole Dustow, Brad Young and Megan Dorey were winners at zone level in the Optimist Public Speaking Competition in Edmonton.

2005

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce added a flea market to their Community Garage Sale lineup, president Sandy Smith feeling it would "bring a lot of out-of-town people in" and would also give local groups a venue if they wished to hold a fundraiser. County council passed a "good-news" budget, with a surplus, reduction of almost all its debt and reduction of the residential mill rate.

2010

The wind turbine at Elk Point Visitor Information Eco Centre was hoisted into place, and a breezy week saw it spinning merrily, producing energy from perpetual natural sources along with the bank of solar panels at the other end of the structure. Elks Lodge members were busy getting their campground at Kehewin Lake ready for an influx of visitors after the provincial government announced it would be closing the "low-use" provincial campground across the lake and changing Whitney Lake campground to "day-use only."

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Fans celebrate Bassett's 'Love of the Game'

VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

A near-capacity crowd of raving fans packed the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre on Saturday evening to celebrate the many accomplishments of one of Elk Point's extraordinary volunteers, a man who is so well known for his efforts that. "Every community in Alberta wishes they had a Doug Bassett," according to one of the evening's speakers.

Brian Poitras, who welcomed everyone to the event, said in his opening remarks that Bassett "coached me in midget ball, and I coached with him last year and won my first provincial ball medal. Doug has nine of them in ball." When snow covers the diamond at Bassett Field, he added, "Doug is behind the glass at the arena, where he's been since his son Jordan started playing hockey."

Following a game led by hockey mom Margaret Bayduza, Poitras and Melinda Henderson called one representative from each table on stage to compete in a game of 'Name that tune' to determine their table's spot in the supper lineup, and was back right after supper to fire a series of sports trivia questions at the crowd, with prizes going to the first person to answer each one.

Then it was Tyler Warawa's turn at the podium, warned to be on his best behaviour but possibly out for retaliation, since "Doug did the toast at my wedding." He listed some of the many awards Bassett has received, including the Lions Clubs International's most prestigious award, the Melvin Jones Fellowship in 1990, the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year award in 2003, Alberta Weekly Newspapers' Best Sports Page award in 2005, the Alberta Parks and Recreation Volunteer of the Year award in 2007, Elk Point Oilmen's Association Oilman of the Year in 2009, the Lakeland's Most Amazing Person award, the Edmonton International Baseball Foundation's Bill Chmilar award, the Baseball Alberta President's Award and most recently, one of five grand prizes of a trip to the World Juniors' gold medal final in the Kraft Top 100 Unsung Heroes competition, which also yielded \$5,000 for Elk Point Minor Hockey.

Warawa noted that Bassett has "the coolest nicknames" for many of the minor ball and minor hockey players he writes about. "Mine was 'Motor Mouth,' and he said in the provincials intros that I was 'full of chatter' and had a great talent for 'annoying other teams,'" he joked. "Everybody wanted to carpool with Doug. We rocked out all the way to the games."

The lack of a diamond of regulation size for midget ball might have disheartened some coaches, but it merely spurred Bassett into action, with the result, named Bassett Field in his honour, opening in 2007, Warawa said. "And now there's another run of midget teams coming soon."

Warawa said playing sports "Is all about the mem-



Vicki Brooker photo

THAT'S OUR SPORTSHOUND! - Donna and Doug Bassett were presented with gifts by Love of the Game committee members Dennell Anderson, Lori Poitras, Jean Ockerman and Twila Stafford.

ories," as he recalled road trips and having fun with his teammates. "Sometimes games didn't end the way we wanted them to, but Doug always came back with a smile. He let us make mistakes and be kids."

The dictionary defines a volunteer as "a person who donates freely of his time," he said, noting that another definition might be simply, "Doug Bassett. It's all for the love of the game."

A slide show compiled by Lori Poitras showed Doug as a young man, as a family man, a coach, a manager and a player, to the delight of the audience.

Brian Poitras came back to the podium to tell about the day he was refereeing a game when the arena clock didn't start again immediately. "I yelled to tell him to turn the clock on and the community members told me, 'Don't yell at Doug.' I felt so bad that I had done that. If I'm refereeing, Doug has to be running the clock. Doug, I want to be like you one day."

For the Love of the Game organizing committee members Jean Ockerman, Dennell Anderson, Twila Stafford and Lori Poitras were next on stage.

"This is a great night for Doug," Ockerman said, adding thanks to Margaret Bayduza, "another of the people who give and gives," and to Warawa. She told Poitras that he "did an amazing job tonight. You are another community builder, always at the arena."

Ockerman also had praise for Donna Bassett, who is "an amazing woman. You give to our kids by encouraging Doug to go to the games. Thank you for sharing him with us."

The evening came about after Lori Poitras nom-

inated Bassett for the Kraft Unsung Heroes award, "and it was good to see him recognized in front of all of Canada," Ockerman said. "When we heard that he had won, we felt we needed to do something for him. Working with the girls has been fun, and telling Doug about it was pretty fun too. He's a pillar in our community, and he gives each kid a nickname, some of them even reach the NHL. Doug, you inspire adults and kids to be better. You are a special man and we love you."

Doug and Donna Bassett were called on stage and presented with gifts that brought tears to a few eyes.

"I wrote some stuff in case I had to come up here," Bassett said, "I don't often get to cry in front of 350 people - tonight's really special. My wife is the one that should be honoured. She's beautiful and talented and the main reason I never had a career in football."

From 1968 to 1972, Bassett played high school football with some players who are now CFL alumni, Warawa discovered. He later played football at Sheridan College. "When I started college that was what I wanted most. Then I met Donna and I wanted her even more."

He praised his wife's building talents, ranging from building a deck to siding the garage, mostly taking place while he's on the road with a ball team, and said of his frequent absences, "She's to blame. She volunteered me to coach T-ball because I didn't have a real job. She volunteered me to be Santa. Everybody thinks I'm Santa and I do, too; it makes me feel pretty good."

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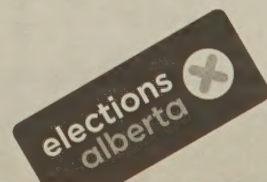
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Cleaning up the countryside



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SPRING CLEANERS - Three area 4-H clubs and volunteers from F. G. Miller High School were out along local highways on Saturday picking up trash. The Elk Point Multi Club, above, cleaned along Murphy Road, Elk Point Beef Club, bottom, on Highway 41, the FGM crew, below, and St. Paul Light Horse Club, left, on Highway 29.





17,005 steps, \$1,235 later...

A total of 15 human walkers and what one participant called "two and a half dogs" took part in the Elk Point and District Lions 2015 Walk For Sight, earning a total of \$1,235 in pledges. This year's walkers, ranging from two-year-old Maverick Stark to the most senior walker, George Hahn, all traveled a course one person's pedometer registered as 17,005 steps in length.

Vicki Brooker photo

Recreation Corner

Recreation for all in May

JENA COLBOURNE
Staff Writer

Hello! I'm the Town of Elk Point's new Recreation Coordinator, Jena Colbourne. I wanted to take to opportunity to introduce myself. Some long-time residents already know me as Doug and Donna Bassett's daughter, but really I prefer Jena. I'm all grown up and all now... Well... on the outside at least. My husband, Chad, and I have five kids, ranging from 13 to 2 years old. So, I know how challenging it can be to keep them active, entertained, healthy, and happy. Taking a page out of my parents' book, I really enjoy being involved in the community and I truly believe Elk Point is The Right Place to Be. There are so many wonderful aspects of the town and I want

everyone to be able to discover it all.

In May we have some great activities coming up, including Community Clean Up Day. Elk Point is a beautiful community, however when the snow melts, some debris that built up over the winter is revealed. To freshen everything up, the town gathers and cleans up the main areas. The best part is once the work is done the Town of Elk Point provides a free BBQ. Join us at 4:00 p.m. on May 20th to take part in The Community Clean Up.

May long weekend, the 15 to 18, Fort George and Buckingham House will be hosting their Season Opening. The Town of Elk Point will be launching a very exciting new contest, attend to find out details. Or be sure to come back to this section of the paper for more details.

At the end of May we are Celebrating Seniors. The senior community makes up a large and important part of our community. We want to honour them by hosting a breakfast that'll kick off National Seniors' Week. All seniors are welcome to enjoy the free pancake and sausage breakfast at the Seniors Centre May 31 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

The town is in the process of organizing a variety of bus trips to neighbouring communities. The goal is for everyone to be able to enjoy the amenities our neighbours have to offer, at a family friendly price. It is looking like the first trip will be on Saturday, May 30, to The Centennial Centre in Bonnyville. Families will be able to enjoy activities such as the Rock Climbing Wall and Pickleball or even a movie at The C2

Theatre. I must give a big shout out to Dwayne Vogel for helping make the bus trips possible. Keep watching this article for details on this trip and more family activity trips, as well as scrapbooking and quilting trips.

I'm really looking forward to Canada Day; I believe this is the premiere event and should be the highlight of everyone's social calendar. We are looking for people to represent different nationalities in both on our float and on our main stage for the afternoon performances. If you're interested you can contact the committee at epcanadaday@gmail.com.

If there are any events you think would be great for the community or maybe you've already organized an event and you need help getting the word out, let

me know about it. You can email town@elk-point.ca. (Attention: Rec Coordinator or Jena Colbourne)

Elk Point is now on Facebook, you can like

us at <http://facebook.com/elkpointalberta>. It's a great way to stay connected and always know about events that are happening in the community.



Vicki Brooker photo

FIRST ARRIVAL OF 2015 - Elk Point Healthcare Auxiliary president Bernice Capjack made a belated presentation last week to the first 2015 newborn in Elk Point, Tytus Gadwa, and his family, parents Dayna and Gordon, sister Tallyn and brothers Tyson and Trayden. Tytus, born Jan. 2 and weighing in at 7 lb., 8 oz., was also the first boy born in Bonnyville this year.

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KARATE MEDAL WINNERS FROM ELK POINT
- Two local Elk Point Karate competitors brought home Gold, Silver and Bronze medals from the Lloydminster Karate Do Tournament which was held on April 25th at the Service Sports Center, Lloydminster, AB. Kori Kozicki succeeded in acquiring a Gold medal in Kumite (Sparing) and a Silver medal in Kata (Forms). James Kozicki also succeeded in bringing home a Silver medal in Kumite (Sparing) and a Bronze in Kata (Sparing). The brother and sister pair belong to the St Paul, AB Karate-Do club.



Vicki Brooker photo

COACHING BUDDIES - Doug Bassett with fellow Midget Sox coach Remi Joly.

Bantam Sox win first game of the season

I know I will never be able to thank everyone enough for the Love of the Game fund raising event on this past Saturday night when I was the guest of honor, but I just want to say thanks again to everyone who helped out in any way, volunteered their time or donated items and made this one of the best days of my life. A special thanks to the organizing committee - Lori Poitras, Dennell Anderson, Twila Stafford and Jean Ockerman, for thinking of me and everything you did to make the night really special for myself and my family...love you guys, almost as much as I love the game!!!!

In between the Love of the Game, the boys of summer, the Bantam Sox played their very first provincial round robin games this past weekend here at home, winning one out of three; and one out of three isn't bad, considering it is the first round and everyone really won't know how strong the teams are until a few rounds are played. Baseball Alberta has a system that works; some games in the first month may be a little lopsided but after every month, teams are re-tiered and the games become more competitive.

The first game Saturday morning at 9 a.m. the Sox played against the Fort Saskatchewan Red Sox winning this one 7 to 3. Cody "Babe" Fairbairn getting the nod to start on the mound for the opening game, went two innings, allowing only one earned run. With the pitching rules in effect and all the Sox pitchers only going 30 pitches, Christian "Wheels" Castle -Wassen, Nick "KKK" Tucker, Corbin "Crusher" Ockerman and the "Big Red Machine" Matthew Nahirniak all getting some action out of the bull pen. A double for Dustyn "Dust Pan" Pankiw, a single for Kaiden "K Rock" Evans-Anderson, the "Babe" with a single, and "Crusher" with a single and a double and



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BASSETT
Review Sports

three RBIs for "KKK" Nick Tucker with his double.

A bitter cold wind was blowing during the second game on Saturday afternoon against Fort McMurray and was not very pleasant for the boys, who seem to be really having trouble getting on base at all, with the exception of Dustyn "Dust Pan" Pankiw who hit an in -the- park home run, and Landon "Promised Land" Vasseur with a double. "Taylor Made" Pankiw on the hill to start, her brother "Dust Pan" and "Crusher" coming in on relief, the Sox losing this one 9 to 2, the umpires actually calling the game due to the wicked wind after five innings.

On Sunday at 4 p.m. the Sox played against Sherwood Park Athletic, the game another cool one that went the full seven innings, the Sox losing this one by a 13 to 6 score. The As were throwing with a left-handed pitcher which the boys haven't seen very often over the years and it seemed to be hard for them to hit. We were not as sharp as we could be at fielding the ball either, but the coaching staff is going to be working on lots of little things this coming week at practice.

The "Big Red Machine" with two singles and two RBIs, Vermilion product Denver Budzilkla with a RBI single, Nick "KKK" Tucker with a RBI single, and "Crusher" with a nice single right up the middle.

Next weekend, the peeewee boys' provincial team will be traveling to the NEZone in Edmonton for their first provincial round robin.

Now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Make the present good, and the past will take care of itself." Last week's answer to: "I had bad days on the field. But I didn't take them home with me. I left them in a bar along the way home" - Casey Stengel

Bassett

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Bassett said that a couple of years ago, "I ran out of midgets ball players and I spent a year (coaching) in Bonnyville. I really enjoyed that, but Donna said, 'If you don't coach the little guys, you'll never have a midget team.' We didn't have a very good start but we went and won a gold medal."

Not only does his wife wait Sunday supper until he gets home from games or upstairs from watching Don Cherry, she also "made my day when she started liking Florida, so I get to go to spring training."

Bassett pointed out "our two beautiful kids. Jordan is the reason I got into baseball; I used to hit pop flies for him and his friends every night. He hit the first home run out of Bassett Field; the only other one to ever do that was Putz (Brian Poitras). His wife Kristin is from Kamsack, Sask. The Princess, Jena, is just like her dad; she loves the Leafs and early mornings and is really good in sports. She's married to 'Charming Chad' Colbourne and when she married him, she got three kids free."

He also introduced his mother, Shirley Bassett of Dundas, ON, which was Kraft Hockeyville a few

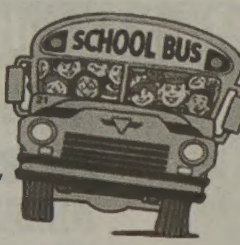
years ago. "I always remember about my mom, during the (financial) crash in 1986, we had a house in Redwater and a house here and big payments. She told me, 'you're healthy, you're young, and you'll be fine.'" His dad taught him about making time for things, and about respect, he added. Bassett's youngest brother, Dan, his wife Debbie and their daughters were also in attendance for the event.

Finally, Bassett thanked the committee, "Lori is a great promoter of hometown hockey, Dennell is a big driver of baseball, Twila is a real sneaky one and gave me a jacket I admired and Jean always likes to read my stories." He added thanks to his fellow coaches over the years and to his boss, Victor Ringuette, who supports his efforts.

With the speeches completed, two talented pianists took their places at the pair of grand pianos in the centre of the hall, and soon had requests pouring in, groups up singing along and dancing for the rest of the evening, pausing for a break only when the silent auction came to an end and the live auction took place.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to Elk Point Minor Ball and the A. G. Ross Arena, and the organizers are hoping to host similar events on an annual basis.

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Break-ins, thefts spur residents to action

VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

A rash of break-ins, thefts and other property crimes in the Lindbergh area brought a number of newcomers to last week's Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch (GLRCW) meeting in Elk Point, swelling numbers at the sometimes poorly attended meeting to a total of 23.

Residents of that area, including business owners who have experienced multiple break-ins in recent months, asked for guidance in forming a group that would watch out for suspicious activity in the community, in much the way that a Citizens on Patrol group operates.

"A lot more of us would have liked to attend, but didn't want to leave their homes unattended," one of the residents said as he picked up a handful of Rural Crime Watch membership applications to distribute to neighbors and friends.

Security systems have not deterred the break-ins at the business, the owners said, and have not helped in convicting the perpetrators. "It's very frustrating to see them get away scot-free," one of the owners said.

GLRCW president Orest Sereda suggested that a meeting be set up with RCMP Sgt. Dave Casey to develop a strategy to make Lindbergh a safer community with

more effective policing. Another suggestion was put forth that the association send letters to the government asking for strengthening of the legal system so that those who commit such crimes would receive much stiffer sentences.

No representatives from the RCMP were able to be in attendance at the meeting.

On the wild side

Dwayne Fleming of Alberta Fish and Wildlife was present at the meeting and reported a "really busy" ice fishing season, with the Vermilion office looking after the lakes from Lindbergh east. "The good lakes got hammered," he noted. Net fishermen went largely after whitefish, which he feels has less impact on sport fishing.

With open water fishing not far off, he cautioned everyone to beware of zebra mussels, an invasive species that takes nutrients out of lake and stream water, leaving none for the fish, as well as clogging water intakes and being "almost impossible to get out of lakes." Anyone going out of province must make sure they don't bring any back into Alberta with them, by washing their boat hulls and motors and cleaning out live wells and bilges thoroughly before coming into the province.

New technology is making it easier to monitor compliance with fish and game regulations, Fleming said, with new ways "to see if you're following the law."

The department's older telephoto lenses, however, don't work on the new digital cameras because they have different mounts, however the new cameras, with their LED viewfinders, can be set up remotely and the photos or videos they capture can be viewed on computers. The St. Paul Legion has offered to buy a camera to be used in the surveillance work, but "no one group can afford to donate both a camera and a telephoto," Fleming said, putting forward a request that the GLRCW consider donating funds for a telephoto lens and filter, with a total cost just under \$1,670. "Fish and Wildlife has never asked for anything," he noted, and I think this is the right time to get it," the item being currently on sale.

The RCW executive suggested Fleming approach the County of St. Paul, which receives the fines for tickets issued in the county, to share in the cost of the purchase.

Upcoming events

The group agreed to sponsor their Volunteer Week banner in St. Paul and also the prizes for the RCMP Challenge Cup relay race, which involves students from across the area.

The Rural Crime Watch float's new tarp is ready to protect it on the way to parades, which are coming up in Elk Point on Canada Day and in St. Paul on the Labour Day weekend in conjunction with the Lakeland Rodeo finals.

4-H District trades up

ASHLEY BRISTOW
Elk Point 4-H Beef Club

The St Paul 4-H District held a Trade up Event in Elk Point on Sunday, April 19. We had members and parents from our district came out for this fun filled afternoon event. We had a great day trading up our items and he 4-H members had a great time getting to know each other.

Each group started with a dime. The items were, to name a few, metal lunch boxes, Tupperware, bags, flower arrangements, lights, a dresser, a coat rack, tools and much more. The items that they ended up with were then donated to the F. G. Miller Grad Class 2015 for their garage sale. We then had a wiener roast at the Iron Horse Trail gazebo. The 4-H members appreciate the efforts of everyone that helped us have a great day of trading up.

Canada Day donations slow

VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

Donations for Elk Point's Canada Day celebrations are trickling in slowly, with approximately \$2,500 received since the last meeting. With the nest egg left from last year, that still leaves a long way to go to reach last year's total expenditure of around \$12,000, and organizers are hoping to find more cheques in the mail in coming weeks. If sufficient donations don't come in, Canada Day Committee chair Bernice Capjack said, "we might have to cross some things off the list."

Deposits have been paid on the fireworks and inflatable bounce castles to date, and the main entertainer and parade band have been booked. The RCMP will be invited to the May meeting to determine their roles, such as participating in the parade and possibly hosting an open house. Town Public Works superintendent Jay Duffee will also be invited to that meeting.

Canada Day Idol registration forms and posters are out, according to organizer Dee Pankiw, who says she will be taking registrations from the first 20 unsigned singers and musicians age 10 to 30 who have paid their entry fee, with a deadline of June 18. Registration forms are now available at the Elk Point Review, the Town office, local schools and the ATB.

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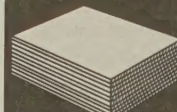
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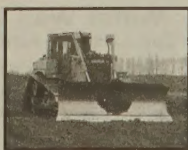
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and friends. Charles was predeceased by his
parents, and one brother Johnathan Mervin.

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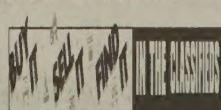
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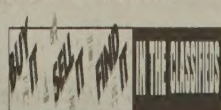
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New Democratic Party candidate Catherine Harder of Camrose was not present, but had designated former Athabasca - Lac La Biche MLA Leo Piquette to answer questions on her behalf.

Questions for the candi-

dates were many and varied. Voters wanted answers on what cuts Wildrose plans to make to balance the budget and protested the cuts to AISH funding for disabled adults, one person even suggesting de-insuring abortion to save health care dollars.

All three candidates were asked their views on last year's epidemic of floor cross-

ing by Wildrose MLAs, with Hanson stating that he and the party's other candidates had been required to sign a document agreeing to pay a \$100,000 fine if they were elected and chose to later cross the floor. They would, however, have the option to become an independent, "If our constituents decided we should do so, if our leader

went on a wild goose chase." The other two candidates would not face fines, but did not foresee any need to take such action in the future.

Candidates' efforts to reach out to first-time voters, their views on secondary education funding, local autonomy for hospitals and the possibility of equalization payments coming into, rather than out of Alberta

given the current economic slump were all brought to the table, along with a suggestion that provincial money would be better spent on healthcare and education rather than on city arenas and new museums.

The two-hour forum wrapped up with closing remarks from each candidate, summarizing the most important points of each platform.

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